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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2005, Applicants hereby submit the following remarks and amendments to the claims. If any fees for the accompanying response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 502190.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

For the reasons set forth above, the withdrawal of Johnson et al., Choi et al, and Sun et al. would make the rejection of claims 1-19 over these references in view of Nagata et al moot.

In light of the amendments and remarks presented herein, Applicants submit that

Claims 1-32 of the case are in condition for immediate allowance. If Examiner Sastri has any
further questions or if any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone

Applicants' counsel at the number provided below.

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